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Delta Region Community Health Systems Development (DRCHSD) Program Communication Strategies for Community Outreach and Education Webinar Series

Part 6: How to Communicate Who You Truly are as an Organization

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Agenda

- What is an organization's image?
- Learn what defines the character of your organization
- Why consistency is important
- Uncover your organizational personality traits
- Personality exercise
- Why image consistency matters
- Is it time to change your image?



Pre-Poll

Q: How confident are you in your understanding of how to define and effectively communicate who you truly are as an organization? (select one)

- 1. Extremely comfortable
- 2. Very comfortable
- 3. Comfortable
- 4. Somewhat comfortable
- 5. Not comfortable





Most people have an idea of what their image is all about

WHAT DEFINES AN Organization's Image?

 It's bigger than pretty colors, logo, tagline, or a building



Your image can reflect your:

and the second

Culture 0 Personality Purpose • Environment Behavior • Services offered • Reputation Differentiation Heritage Relationships with patients, staff and the community Your mission



The equity of your image is a promise How you fulfill expectations and meet the needs of all audiences



Poll Question

Q: Name a business that you recognize and respect for their organization's image and their promise (Answer in chat box)













Walmart 🔀

Consumer organizations





Healthcare organizations



Your image is based on a series of **EXPERIENCES**



Quality of care you provide



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Patient interaction



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How you answer the phone



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Innovation and access to care

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Waiting room environment



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Community minded



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Online experience



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Image is also based on your **CHARACTER**

- How your organization is perceived
- Type of personality
- Geographicalreach
- Empathetic
- Acceptance of diversity
- Listening to community needs
- Aligning your organizational vision and future strategy



Poll Question

Q: What are **three words** you would use to define the character of your hospital or clinic?

1.

2.

3.

(Answer in chat box)

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Poll Question

Q: If you overheard a patient describing your hospital or clinic to a friend, what would they be saying? (Answer in chat box)





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UNCOVER YOUR Organizational Personality Traits

- Defining your personality traits means you can apply them consistently in your verbal and visual communication
- How you would describe your organization's image as a person
 - Traditional vs established
 - Innovative vs personable
- Does your organization's personality match who you are and what you aspire to be?



Personality Exercise

Uncover your organizational personality traits (PDF handout)

- Place an **"X"** on each line closest to where you believe your hospital currently falls on the spectrum.
- Then, place a **dot** on each line closest to where you'd want your hospital to be on the spectrum.

(5-minute exercise)



DOES YOUR PERSONALITY ALIGN WITH YOUR IMAGE?





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ESTABLISH IMAGE CONSISTENCY

- If you don't want your image to be a stranger, then you'll need to be consistent with every interaction you have, so that they can learn to recognize you
- Consistency in what you look like, how you sound, and your character
 - In-person
 - Online
 - Communications



STANDARDS GUIDE

Introduce:

- Mission, vision values
- The essence of your image

Establish guidelines for:

- Logo
- Colorpalette
- Typography
- Voice and tone
- Photography
- Hierarchy
- Signage
- Print and digital samples
- Social media policy



Image Standards



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RISING TO A NEW LEVEL OF CARE



Paris Community Hospital and Family Medical Center is now *Horizon Health*

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- The degree of change
- Risk exposure to change
- Current perceptions
- Literal vs. abstract name
- Naming architecture does it include multiple names or locations?
- Sustainability



IMAGE CHANGE

1. Image evolution

- Evolve existing logo with update colors and fonts
- Standards guide

2. Complete image transformation

- Brand name/logo development
- Establish colors and preferred type fonts
- Naming hierarchy
- Standards guide



IMAGE EVOLUTION







COMPLETE Image Transformation



Paris Community Hospital Family Medical Center











Summary

- Your image goes beyond than pretty colors, logo, tagline, or a building
- Your image is a promise
- Equity in your image can be built through experiences and communications which leads to greater awareness and defines your character
- The personality exercise gave you insight into what your image aspires to be
- Establishing standards strengthens equity of your image
- Understanding the key factors when considering an image change
- Time for a change. Two types of image changes image evolution and a complete image transformation



Post-Poll

Q: How confident are you in your understanding of how to define and effectively communicate who you truly are as an organization? (select one)

Extremely comfortable
Very comfortable
Comfortable
Somewhat comfortable
Not comfortable



DRCHSD Communication Strategies for Community Outreach and Education Webinar Series

See you for Webinar #7!

Telehealth as a New Norm: Strategies to Build Understanding and Acceptance Internally and Externally

Thursday, December 10, 11:00-12:00 CT

Speaker: Mike Milligan



Thank You!

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